

The United States Army Garrison, West Point AND The New York State Emergency Management Office



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A Critical and Timely, One-Day Seminar Entitled



## **TRANQUILITY TO TRAGEDY ...** **Critical Strategies for Active Shooter Preparedness, Response, and Recovery**

Thursday, March 11, 2010

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The West Point Club's Grand Ballroom, United States Military Academy at West Point

St. Louis, Binghamton, Columbine, Virginia Tech, Northern Illinois University, Fort Hood. The tragic news of late has shown with deadly clarity that no sector of society is immune to the possibility of an active shooter incident. Today's criminals and terrorists are more determined and more heavily armed than ever before, and crisis situations that include active shooters are occurring with alarming frequency in workplaces, educational settings, shopping malls, places of worship, government buildings, and military installations. In the wake of such tragic events, officials charged with preparing for, responding to, or recovering from crises are often criticized—and sometimes dismissed—for not being proactive in their approaches.

Violence, in any form, is a complex issue with complex causes and consequences. Imagining that there are easy answers and instant solutions that can be captured entirely in one plan is unrealistic; there is no simple formula to address the causes or predict an attack. However, the risks associated with an active shooter incident can be mitigated and the consequences managed through awareness and action.

This free seminar is designed to alert, enlighten, and educate planners, educators, administrators, and first-responders about the challenges associated with active shooter violence. The dynamic, information-packed program will be led by a distinguished panel of speakers with meaningful topics that include:

- ❖ **Mr. Randy Spivey**, CEO/Founder, Center for Personal Protection and Safety:  
*Red Flags: Portrait of an Active Shooter*
- ❖ **Dr. Rick Mathews**, Director, National Center for Security and Preparedness, SUNY Albany:  
*Campus Preparedness: Focus on Active Shooter*
- ❖ **Supervisory Special Agent Michael Driscoll**, Federal Bureau of Investigation:  
*When the Shooter is a Terrorist: The role of the FBI*
- ❖ **Sergeant Jerry Wienckowski**, NY State Police Special Operations Response Team, South Team Leader:  
*Response Tactics: A New York State Police Perspective*
- ❖ **Officer Bernadette Lopez**, Orange County Sheriff's Office, ESU Hostage/Crisis Negotiator:  
*Incident Management: Roles of the Incident Command Post and Emergency Operations Center*
- ❖ **Sergeant Paul Brahm**, Tactical EMS Squad Leader, Orange County Sheriff's Office:  
*First Aid Issues: Triage, Victim Evacuation, and Treatment*
- ❖ **Mr. Dennis J. Michalski**, Assistant Director for Community Affairs, NYSEMO, Albany:  
*Public Information: Dealing with inquiries and the media*
- ❖ **Dr. James Halpern**, Professor of Psychology and Counseling, SUNY New Paltz:  
*Victim Assistance: Grief and Mental Counseling*
- ❖ **Ms. Diane Ryan**, Director of Disaster Mental Health, American Red Cross-Greater New York:  
*Family Care: Role of the Family Assistance Center*

Developing and sustaining adequate emergency preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities are difficult but vital endeavors. Active shooter events are unpredictable, dynamic, and always costly. Are you prepared? Knowledge coupled with action will engender confidence among those you serve and will safeguard lives. Seating is limited. Please confirm your attendance by emailing your name, organization and phone number to one of the seminar officials on the next page.

## INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: You must have a picture identification to gain access to West Point and to use the shuttle bus.

### **Directions to West Point**

**From the North:** Route 9W South to the Highland Falls/West Point Stony Gate exit. Take a right, down the hill on Mountain Avenue; at the Main Street stop sign, go straight, to the next stop sign, where you will take a left and proceed to the Thayer Gate entrance. Once through security, take a left into the Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot.

**From the South:** Route 9W North to the Highland Falls/West Point exit; proceed through the Village of Highland Falls to the Thayer Gate entrance. Once through security, take a left into the Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot.

**From the West:** Route 293 East to 9W South to the Highland Falls/West Point Stony Gate exit. Take a right, down the hill on Mountain Avenue; at the Main Street stop sign, go straight, to the next stop sign, where you will take a left and proceed to the Thayer Gate entrance. Once through security, take a left into the Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot.

**From the East:** I-84 over the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge; Route 9W South to the Highland Falls/West Point Stony Gate exit. Take a right, down the hill on Mountain Avenue; at the Main Street stop sign, go straight, to the next stop sign, where you will take a left and proceed to the Thayer Gate entrance. Once through security, take a left into the Buffalo Soldier Field parking lot.

### **Travel to and from the West Point Club**

As parking near the venue is limited to installation personnel, shuttle bus service for seminar attendees will be available to and from the covered bus stop at Buffalo Soldier Field (across from the Post Office). Service will be available every 15 minutes from 7:30 to 8:30 am and again from 3:30, with the last departure from the WPC at 4:30 pm.

For those travelling outside those times, the installation shuttle bus runs northbound from the intersection of Mills and Thayer Roads (east of Buffalo Soldier Field) every 30 minutes at 18 and 48 minutes past the hour; and southbound across the street from the WPC (Library Corner) every 30 minutes at 08 and 38 minutes past the hour.

For those interested in walking, the West Point Club (Bldg 603) can be reached in about 10 minutes by walking north along Thayer Road from Buffalo Soldier Field.

### **Lunch**

A pay-as-you-go buffet lunch will be available in the West Point Club.

### **For Further Information**

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